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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5-10,16,17,22,42,50-52,55-59,61,92,107,108,110,113 and 114 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 5-10, 16, 17, 22, 42, 50-52, 55-59, 61, 92, 107, 108, 110, 113, and 114 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. § 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under subsection (f) or (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

2. Claims 1, 5-10, 16, 17, 22, 42, 50-52, 55-59, 61, 92, 107, 108, 110, 113, and 114 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Cordery et al(6466921) in view of Pierce et al(6151591) and Rosenzweig et al(6081810).

Regarding claim 1, Cordery et al(See Figs. 1-4, Cols. 2 and 3, Col. 4, lines 24-33, Col. 6, lines 20-55, Col 7, lines 5-65, Col. 8, lines 1-30 and claims 1-13) disclose a means for secure online value printing including a server, secure database, cryptographic module and password authentication substantially as claimed. The differences between the above and the claimed invention is the use of specific executable code. It is noted that the use of digital signatures in a digital environment to create a virtual method or system appears to be

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functionally equivalent to the claim limitations. Pierce et al (See Figs. 1,2,4-7, Col. 6, lines 60-65, Col. 7, lines 10-25, and Cols 9 and 10) show password authentication and software code to execute same. Rosenzweig et al (See Figs. 3-5, Col. 6, lines 1-5) show database software and backup. It would have been obvious to the person having ordinary skill in this art to provide a similar arrangement for Cordery et al because resource manager intervening interfaces are conventional functional equivalents of the claim limitations. Regarding the password limitations of claim 5, Cordery et al (See Figs. 1-4, Cols. 2 and 3, Col. 4, lines 24-33, Col. 6, lines 20-55, Col 7, lines 5-65, Col. 8, lines 1-30 and claims 1-13) disclose secure online value printing including a server, secure database, cryptographic module and password authentication which are conventional functional equivalents of the claim limitations because if password authentication fails used a normally logged out (See Fig. 7 of Lee et al (5742683)). Regarding database limitations of claim 6, Cordery et al (See Figs. 1-4, Cols. 2 and 3, Col. 4, lines 24-33, Col. 6, lines 20-55, Col 7, lines 5-65, Col. 8, lines 1-30 and claims 1-13) disclose secure online value printing including a server, secure database, cryptographic module and password authentication including database comparison (See bridging paragraph cols. 9 and 10, element 225) which are conventional functional equivalents of the claim. Regarding database limitations of claim 7, Cordery et al (See Figs. 1-4, Cols. 2 and

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3, Col. 4, lines 24-33, Col. 6, lines 20-55, Col 7, lines 5-65, Col. 8, lines 1-30 and claims 1-13) disclose secure online value printing including a server, secure database, cryptographic module and password authentication including database comparison and ends transaction if comparison fails(See bridging paragraph cols. 9 and 10, element 225) which are conventional functional equivalents of the claim. Regarding database limitations of claim 8, Cordery et al(See Figs. 1-4, Cols. 2 and 3, Col. 4, lines 24-33, Col. 6, lines 20-55, Col 7, lines 5-65, Col. 8, lines 1-30 and claims 1-13) disclose secure online value printing including a server, secure database, cryptographic module and password authentication including database comparison(See bridging paragraph cols. 9 and 10, element 225) which are conventional functional equivalents of the claim. Regarding database backup limitations of claim 9, Rosenzweig et al(See Figs. 3-5, Col. 6, lines 1-5) show database software and backup which are conventional functional equivalents of the claim. Regarding database backup limitations of claim 10, Rosenzweig et al(See Figs. 3-5, Col. 6, lines 1-5) show database software and backup which are conventional functional equivalents of the claim. Regarding one or more limitations of claim 16, Cordery et al(See Figs. 1-4, Cols. 2 and 3, Col. 4, lines 24-33, Col. 6, lines 20-55, **Col 7, lines 5-10**, Col. 8, lines 1-30 and claims 1-13) disclose secure online value printing including a server, secure database, one or more cryptographic modules and password

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authentication) which are conventional functional equivalents of the claim. Regarding updating limitations of claim 17, Cordery et al (See Fig. 3, Col. 9, lines 30-40 and 55-60 and claims 10-13) disclose secure online value printing including a server, secure database, cryptographic module and password authentication including data freshness updating which are conventional functional equivalents of the claim. Regarding error limitations of claim 22, it is obvious to include error correction in all digital systems especially cryptographic systems because of the irrecoverable data loss resulting from digital error. Regarding postal limitations of claim 42, Cordery et al (See Figs. 1-4, Cols. 2 and 3, Col. 4, lines 24-33, Col. 6, lines 20-55, Col 7, lines 5-65, Col. 8, lines 1-30 and claims 1-13) disclose secure online postal printing including a server, secure database, cryptographic module and password authentication which are conventional functional equivalents of the claim. Regarding claim 50, Cordery et al (See Figs. 1-4, Cols. 2 and 3, Col. 4, lines 24-33, Col. 6, lines 20-55, Col 7, lines 5-65, Col. 8, lines 1-30 and claims 1-13) disclose a method for secure online value printing including a server, clients secure database, cryptographic module and password authentication substantially as claimed. The differences between the above and the claimed invention is the use of specific executable code. It is noted that the use of digital signatures in a digital environment to create a virtual method or system appears to be functionally

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equivalent to the claim limitations. Pierce et al (See Figs. 1,2,4-7, Col. 6, lines 60-65, Col. 7, lines 10-25, and Cols 9 and 10) show password authentication and software code to execute same. Rosenzweig et al(See Figs. 3-5, Col. 6, lines 1-5) show database software and backup. It would have been obvious to the person having ordinary skill in this art to provide a similar arrangement for Cordery et al because resource manager intervening interfaces are conventional functional equivalents of the claim limitations. Regarding cryptographic limitations of claim 51, Cordery et al(See Figs. 1-4, Cols. 2 and 3, Col. 4, lines 24-33, Col. 6, lines 20-55, Col 7, lines 5-65, Col. 8, lines 1-30 and claims 1-13) disclose secure online value printing including a server, secure database, cryptographic module and password authentication including record encryption which are conventional functional equivalents of the claim. Regarding database limitations of claim 52, Cordery et al(See Figs. 1-4, Cols. 2 and 3, Col. 4, lines 24-33, Col. 6, lines 20-55, Col 7, lines 5-65, Col. 8, lines 1-30 and claims 1-13) disclose secure online value printing including a server, secure database, cryptographic module and password authentication including database comparison(See bridging paragraph cols. 9 and 10, element 225) which are conventional functional equivalents of the claim. Regarding database limitations of claim 55, Cordery et al(See Figs. 1-4, Cols. 2 and 3, Col. 4, lines 24-33, Col. 6, lines 20-55, Col 7, lines 5-65, Col. 8, lines 1-30 and claims 1-

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13) disclose secure online value printing including a server, secure database, cryptographic module and password authentication including database comparison(See bridging paragraph cols. 9 and 10, element 225) which are conventional functional equivalents of the claim. Regarding database limitations of claim 56, Cordery et al(See Figs. 1-4, Cols. 2 and 3, Col. 4, lines 24-33, Col. 6, lines 20-55, Col 7, lines 5-65, Col. 8, lines 1-30 and claims 1-13) disclose secure online value printing including a server, secure database, cryptographic module and password authentication including database comparison and ends transaction if comparison fails(See bridging paragraph cols. 9 and 10, element 225) which are conventional functional equivalents of the claim. Regarding database limitations of claim 57, Cordery et al(See Figs. 1-4, Cols. 2 and 3, Col. 4, lines 24-33, Col. 6, lines 20-55, Col 7, lines 5-65, Col. 8, lines 1-30 and claims 1-13) disclose secure online value printing including a server, secure database, cryptographic module and password authentication including database comparison(See bridging paragraph cols. 9 and 10, element 225) which are conventional functional equivalents of the claim. Regarding database backup limitations of claim 58, Rosenzweig et al(See Figs. 3-5, Col. 6, lines 1-5) show database software and backup which are conventional functional equivalents of the claim. Regarding database backup limitations of claim 59, Rosenzweig et al(See Figs. 3-5, Col. 6, lines 1-5) show database software and backup which are conventional functional equivalents

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of the claim. Regarding plurality limitations of claim 61, Cordery et al (See Figs. 1-4, Cols. 2 and 3, Col. 4, lines 24-33, Col. 6, lines 20-55, **Col 7, lines 5-10**, Col. 8, lines 1-30 and claims 1-13) disclose secure online value printing including a server, secure database, one or more cryptographic modules and password authentication) which are conventional functional equivalents of the claim. Regarding claim 92, Cordery et al (See Figs. 1-4, Cols. 2 and 3, Col. 4, lines 24-33, Col. 6, lines 20-55, Col 7, lines 5-65, Col. 8, lines 1-30 and claims 1-13) disclose a means for secure online value printing including a server, secure database, cryptographic module and password authentication substantially as claimed. The differences between the above and the claimed invention is the use of specific executable code. It is noted that the use of digital signatures in a digital environment to create a virtual method or system appears to be functionally equivalent to the claim limitations. Pierce et al (See Figs. 1,2,4-7, Col. 6, lines 60-65, Col. 7, lines 10-25, and Cols 9 and 10) show password authentication and software code to execute same. Rosenzweig et al (See Figs. 3-5, Col. 6, lines 1-5) show database software and backup. It would have been obvious to the person having ordinary skill in this art to provide a similar arrangement for Cordery et al because resource manager intervening interfaces are conventional functional equivalents of the claim limitations. Regarding claim 107, Cordery et al (See Figs. 1-4, Cols. 2 and 3, Col. 4, lines

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24-33, Col. 6, lines 20-55, Col 7, lines 5-65, Col. 8, lines 1-30 and claims 1-13) disclose a method for secure online value printing including a server, secure database, cryptographic module and password authentication substantially as claimed. The differences between the above and the claimed invention is the use of specific executable code. It is noted that the use of digital signatures in a digital environment to create a virtual method or system appears to be functionally equivalent to the claim limitations. Pierce et al (See Figs. 1,2,4-7, Col. 6, lines 60-65, Col. 7, lines 10-25, and Cols 9 and 10) show password authentication and software code to execute same. Rosenzweig et al(See Figs. 3-5, Col. 6, lines 1-5) show database software and backup. It would have been obvious to the person having ordinary skill in this art to provide a similar arrangement for Cordery et al because resource manager intervening interfaces are conventional functional equivalents of the claim limitations. Regarding database backup limitations of claim 108, Rosenzweig et al(See Figs. 3-5, Col. 6, lines 1-5) show database software and backup which are conventional functional equivalents of the claim because the function of backup is to provide recovery. Regarding database limitations of claim 110, Cordery et al(See Figs. 1-4, Cols. 2 and 3, Col. 4, lines 24-33, Col. 6, lines 20-55, Col 7, lines 5-65, Col. 8, lines 1-30 and claims 1-13) disclose secure online value printing including a server, secure database, cryptographic module and password authentication including

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database comparison(See bridging paragraph cols. 9 and 10, element 225) which are conventional functional equivalents of the claim. Regarding database limitations of claim 113, Cordery et al(See Figs. 1-4, Cols. 2 and 3, Col. 4, lines 24-33, Col. 6, lines 20-55, Col 7, lines 5-65, Col. 8, lines 1-30 and claims 1-13) disclose secure online value printing including a server, secure database, cryptographic module and password authentication including database comparison(See bridging paragraph cols. 9 and 10, element 225) which are conventional functional equivalents of the claim. Regarding database prevention limitations of claim 114, Cordery et al(See Figs. 1-4, Cols. 2 and 3, Col. 4, lines 24-33, Col. 6, lines 20-55, Col 7, lines 5-65, Col. 8, lines 1-30 and claims 1-13) disclose secure online value printing including a server, secure database, cryptographic module and password authentication including database comparison and ends transaction if comparison fails(See bridging paragraph cols. 9 and 10, element 225) which are conventional functional equivalents of the claim.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Salvatore Cangialosi at telephone number (703) 305-1837. The examiner can normally be reached 6:30 Am to 5:00 PM, Tuesday through Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell, can be reached at (703) 305-9768.

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